

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.  
LAMOINE TOWN HALL  
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Faith Perkins, Chair; Julie Tilden, Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Christina McGuire-Harding  
Members Late: None  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; James Boothby, Superintendent  
Others Present: Stu Marckoon, Anne Stocking, Brett Jones, David Henry, Mary Henry, Robyn Henry, Kelly Henry, Jo Cooper, Cynthia Donaldson, Chris Tadema-Weilandt, Enid Neleski

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Added Item 3. "Public Comments

Added Item 4. "Consideration of Minutes of 6/4/07"

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anne Stocking encouraged the School Committee to look at all potential partners as they proceed through the process of reorganization.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF 6/4/07**

Following a discussion, **a motion was made** by Christina McGuire-Harding, seconded by Julie Tilden, **to accept the Minutes of 6/4/07 as amended as follows: the name "Mike Church" should read "Mike Jordan".**

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

5. **JINA'S GYM FUND UPDATE**

Faith Perkins provided an update on the efforts to locate a temporary fiscal agent for the Jina's Gym Fund. Multiple agencies are available and willing to be a temporary fiscal agent for the fund. Before turning money over to a temporary agent, Faith outlined the following steps to be taken: 1) Establish a Board for the Jina's Gym Fund and incorporate as a charitable organization for a charitable purpose; and 2) Ask Selectmen to designate fundraising for the fund as a town activity and designate the Jina's Gym Fund Board as the group to head those efforts.

Additional discussion centered around the need and timeframe to have the group receive State and Federal identification numbers. The conversation concluded with Faith Perkins and Enid Neleski agreeing to work together to identify individuals to serve on the Board of Directors for Jina's Gym Fund and to organize the group to meet with the Lamoine Selectmen in August.

## 6. UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION

Superintendent Boothby provided an update on matters concerning the consolidation process and shared with the School Committee a draft outlining the identifying potential next steps. A primary step in the process is to select the individuals from each community who will represent their communities on the reorganization committee. The new law suggests having three individuals from each community selected to participate in the reorganization discussions. Those three individuals are suggested to be: a school board member, a selectperson and a community member. Discussion centered on how the community person would be selected. Everyone agreed members of the community would be invited to submit their names for consideration and an individual would be selected by mutual agreement of the School Committee and the Select Board.

The invitation to community members would be communicated via a batch e-mail and advertised on the local community access channel. Additional conversation centered around the need to keep all citizens informed of the process and to provide as much information as possible so the community would be able to make an informed decision when asked to vote on the reorganization proposal.

Nancy Sargent suggested establishing a non-profit school structure and not to accept any State or Federal money. She would hope such a structure would allow the Town of Lamoine to continue running the schools and eliminate the mandates and demands of the State and Federal governments.

**A motion was made** by Christina Maguire-Harding, seconded by Robert Pulver, **to nominate Faith Perkins as the School Committee representative on the Lamoine School Reorganization Committee.**

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

The Selectmen will identify their representative at their next meeting and the two groups will work together to identify the community representative.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Faith Perkins shared a communication from Ken Fredette, a resident of Lamoine and an attorney who raised questions regarding the Consolidation Law and offered his services pro bono if there was interest in challenging the law. Faith indicated she would respond to Mr. Fredette's letter.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was made** by Julie Tilden, seconded by Robert Pulver.

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

**Time: 7:23 p.m.**

Attest: a true record

James S. Boothby  
Secretary